

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA
JULY 23, 2014**

A meeting of the Common Council of the City of Jasper, Indiana, was held on Wednesday, July 23, 2014, in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 610 Main Street, Jasper, Indiana.

Call to Order. Presiding Officer Mayor Terry Seitz called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call.

Clerk-Treasurer Juanita S. Boehm called the roll.

Mayor Terry Seitz	Present
Council members:	
Gregory Schnarr	Present
David Prechtel	Present
Thomas Schmidt	Present
Earl Schmitt	Present
Kevin Manley	Present
Randall Buchta	Present
Raymond Howard	Present
City Attorney Renee Kabrick	Present
Clerk-Treasurer Juanita S. Boehm	Present

Clerk-Treasurer Boehm announced that in order to have a quorum for the meeting, a majority of the council members must be in attendance. All seven council members were in attendance which is a majority; therefore, there was a quorum for the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Seitz invited all those present to join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Minutes.

The following minutes were distributed to and examined by the Council:

1. June 18, 2014 regular common council meeting
2. June 18, 2014 joint special meeting with the RDC

A **motion** was made by Council member Gregory Schnarr and seconded by Council member David Prechtel to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Public hearing. Mayor Seitz then opened the public hearing concerning Resolution No. 2014-11 to waive Stens LLC noncompliance because they failed to timely file their respective deduction applications for property tax abatement.

A notice appeared in the Herald on June 25, 2014 and was also posted at city hall and faxed to the news media.

Eric Schue with Bingham Greenebaum and Doll and representing Stens LLC said Stens forgot to file their personal property tax assessment forms by the May 15th deadline therefore the tax abatement deduction was denied. According to State law, the council can waive the noncompliance by adopting a resolution to that affect. The forms have since been filed.

Mayor Seitz then asked for comments from the public. No comments were received.

Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to close the public hearing. Motion carried 7-0 and the hearing was closed.

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-11 RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL APPROVING A WAIVER OF NON-COMPLIANCE FOR A LATE-FILED APPLICATION FOR THE ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA DEDUCTION ON REAL PROPERTY IMPROVEMENTS AND PERSONAL PROPERTY ADDITION FOR STENS LLC AND HADDAD PROPERTIES LTD. PARTNERS

This resolution waives Stens LLC noncompliance event because they did not timely file their personal property tax assessment forms and the tax abatement deduction forms that were due May 15, 2014.

A motion was made by Council member David Prechtel and seconded by Council member Kevin Manley to consider the resolution for one reading only. Motion carried 7-0. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Gregory Schnarr and seconded by Council member Randall Buchta to read the resolution by title only. Motion carried 7-0. The city attorney so read the resolution. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Kevin Manley and seconded by Council member Raymond Howard to pass and adopt Resolution No. 2014-11. Motion carried 7-0.

JCAC. Jasper Community Arts Commission member Becky Hickman attended the meeting on behalf of the Board. She reviewed some of the upcoming events.

Utility Service Board. General Manager of Utilities Gerald ‘Bud’ Hauersperger gave a report on the regular monthly Utility Service Board meeting held on July 21, 2014. A copy of the Utility Service Board minutes is supplied to each council member.

Power plant expressions of interest. General Manager of Utilities Gerald ‘Bud’ Hauersperger said the Electric Planning Committee has been discussing planning options for the power plant. At its July 21, 2014 meeting, the Utility Service Board made a recommendation to the council to send out requests for expressions of interest [REI] for the power plant. Hauersperger distributed a draft copy of the REI. He added that they want responses to the request returned by December 1, 2014.

A motion was made by Council member Kevin Manley and seconded by Council member Randall Buchta to adopt the request for expressions of interest draft that was proposed. Motion carried 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-12 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2002-54 ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING FEES FOR ACTIVITIES OF THE JASPER DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

This ordinance increases the fee for baseball/softball tourneys at the sports complex from \$15 to \$20 per game effective January 1, 2015.

A motion was made by Council member Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to consider the ordinance for one reading only. Motion carried 7-0. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Gregory Schnarr and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to read the ordinance by title only. Motion carried 7-0. The city attorney so read the ordinance. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Randall Buchta and seconded by Council member Raymond Howard to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2014-12. Discussion was held before voting on that motion. Council member Kevin Manley said there were some issues this year when tourneys were held at the sports complex. Teams are expected to clean up the trash and the fields are not relined later in the tourney. During one championship game the lines on the field were not re-chalked. Out-of-town teams do not have people to pick up trash or the equipment to line the fields. Manley recommended having two fees, \$20 for the local teams and they do the extra work and a fee of \$25 or more and we give them full service.

Since this ordinance was a recommendation from the Jasper City Park and Recreation Board, City Attorney Renee Kabrick suggested putting the ordinance on hold and asking the Park Board at their August meeting whether or not to provide full service and if so, what price to charge.

Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Randall Buchta and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to table Ordinance No. 2014-12. Motion carried 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-13 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 4(2) OF ORDINANCE NO. 546 ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A UNIFORM CODE FOR TRAFFIC UPON THE PUBLIC STREETS OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA-PARKING PROHIBITED ON CERTAIN DESIGNATED STREETS

This ordinance prohibits parking on part of 15th Street and part of Cherry Street per Kimball's request.

A motion was made by Council member Kevin Manley and seconded by Council member David Prechtel to consider the ordinance for one reading only. Motion

carried 7-0. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Gregory Schnarr and seconded by Council member Thomas Schmidt to read the ordinance by title only. Motion carried 7-0. The city attorney so read the ordinance. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Earl Schmitt and seconded by Council member Kevin Manley to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2014-13. Motion carried 7-0.

Cancelled tourneys. Council member Kevin Manley said two tourneys that were to be held at the sports complex this year were cancelled because the sponsor did not have enough teams that wanted to participate. Because it is too late for another tourney to be held by the time a previously scheduled tourney is cancelled, Manley suggested the City consider charging a deposit or do something so we recover some sort of fee.

Council member receives complaints. Council member Thomas Schmidt said a person complained to him that he is unhappy with Time Warner's service. Another person complained about the old Jasper Rubber Co. building. There are several windows broken out and there are some weeds.

Adjournment. There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Council member Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Council member Randall Buchta to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 7-0 and the meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

The minutes were hereby approved _____ with X without corrections or clarification this 20th day of August, 2014.

Mayor Terry Seitz
Presiding Officer

Attest: _____
Juanita S. Boehm, Clerk-Treasurer